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AVU-E-17-01
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RE: AVISTA UTILITIES RATE INCREASE; VOTE YES

I was unable to attend the November Meeting in Coeur d'Alene to comment on the above request, however, I submit for the Commissioner's consideration:

I reside in the Tax Assessors Enforced Plat of Spirit Lake East. A Rural Plat, in Kootenai County established without Benefit of Public Review. A Plat dedicated to Farming and Agriculture in a Metropolitan Water District. There are 300 Lots in the Plat with 29 miles of unpaved roads, best described as, "Meandering Cowpaths." Electric service provided since 1976 by Kootenai Electric Corporation, for an initial \$356,000, bond by the Developer.

I have worked with Avista Utilities since installation of the Transmission Line from Athol to Spirit Lake. In October 2010 Avista requested and was granted ROW in January 2011, by this Corporation to install service to the Plat. To Date approximately One and three quarter miles of line have been installed on Coeur d'Alene Drive.

The Idaho Transportation Department was induced in 2011 to relinquish a 300 x 400 ft Construction Site, granted in 1943 by Kootenai County Public Works prior to the establishment of the Spirit Lake East Plat, to construct State Highway 54. The purpose of the transfer was to permit the Owners of Lot 56 to sell a site to AVISTA for a Regulator. The Transfer currently valued for Tax Purposes by Kootenai County at \$70,000 to the present Owners of Lot 56.

An increase in Utility Rates, will enable AVISTA to continue their beneficial program to develop areas, like Spirit Lake East Plat, while providing service to its present users. A responsibility shamefully avoided by Kootenai County Officials.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to object to the rate increase requested by Avista. I, along with many others, live on a fixed income and this excessive increase will mean cuts in other areas of our lives, in some cases, life altering.

As I am sure you are aware, our Social Security went up 2% and our medicare increased a little over 7%, so we are already seeing a decrease in our disposable income.

While I understand that Avista's costs probably increase and a small rate increase may be needed, the proposed increase is too much. Please consider limiting the increase to a more affordable amount.

Sincerely,



Sarah Kuchik